

# Odenbach's Circe Wins RYC 'Drifting Match'

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In an aggravating drifting match off the Port of Rochester yesterday, Johnny Odenbach's 6-meter "Circe" won the opening race of the Rochester Yacht Club's George Cup elimination series.

Take a breeze not even strong enough to blow out a match, add a protest and a counter-protest, fry all skippers and crews on a steamy lake for 3 hours and 50 minutes of racing time, and you have some idea of how matters were on oily Ontario.

There were little more than 10 minutes left of the 4-hour time allowance when dark-hulled Circe ghosted across the finish line, thereby continuing the winning streak she developed to grab the Todd Trophy earlier in the season.

While the Sixes were opening the showdown series, Cliff Baker tillered his Zoa II to still another victory in the 12th District Star Class eliminations, squeezing out a 36-second win over Oc Marth in Tario. By this time Baker has a hold on the elimination trophy that little short of an atom bomb or a broken stick can dislodge.

The story of the Sixes yesterday is a short short. On the starting line, Rooney Castle's Stork was high and in good position, Odenbach to leeward and also good, and Howard Klitgord in Meeotr farther back of the line but hardened down and moving faster when the gun sounded. Meteor nosed in, bumped stork, and Rooney came home with protest flag flying. Klitgord plans a counter protest, and the whole affair was completely congenial, for issues involved are interpretations of the newly-revised North American Yacht Racing Union rules. In the race itself, Odenbach laid his marks well and was never headed.

Out for the first time this season yesterday, Howard Rekers' Jill, an able Six but never fond of light weather, found the drifting dull and did not finish.

Neither Lightnings nor Dinghies finished, and of the cruising class racing for the Robbins trophy, only New Castle's fleet R, the Shadow; Herb Wahl's Amorita and Ed Rosenberg's Azuria completed the course. Shadow, first over the line, had gone into the race high in the standings with the Phelps-Coger Nimbus, but the latter did not finish.

6-Meter Start, 2:50; finishes, elapsed time: Circe, 3:17:45; Stork, 3:49:00; Meteor, 3:51:55; Jill, d.n.f.

Stars Start, 3:00; finishes, elapsed time: Zoa, 3:41:25; Tario, 3:42:01; Nibot III (Marsh Tobin) d.n.f.